unfit for human and vehicular traffic;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is only a fair-weather road;

(*c*) if so, whether and when do they propose to improve it;

(*d*) whether it has come to their notice that the improvements of this road will increase trade between Shimoga-Sagar and the port of Bhatkal?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) No; but portions of it, particularly in the ghat section, are to be provided with cross-drainages.

(*b*) Yes; the last 13 1/8 miles in Shimoga District limits.

(*c*) Yes, subject to availability of funds and as soon as practicable.

(*d*) Yes.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—With reference to question (*a*), may I know whether funds will be made available during this year for taking up the improvement work suggested?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—As far as practicable it will be taken up during this year.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—With reference to (*b*), is there any portion of the road in the South Canara District which is bad?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The road is bad during the monsoons.

Improvement of the Gairsoppa and Sagar Road

Q.—111. Sri J. H SHAMSUDDIN (Honawar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the condition of a portion of the road between Gairsoppa, Honavar Taluk, and Sagar in Shimoga District is bad;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is a fair-weather road and unfit for vehicular traffic during monsoon;

(*c*) whether they propose to improve it and make it an all-weather road and if so when;

(*d*) whether it is not a fact that the people of this area have been demanding the improvement of this road?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes, a bit of about five furlongs from mile 228.

(*b*) The portion between Talguppa Gairsoppa is at present a fair-weather road.

(*c*) Yes, subject to availability of funds, and as soon as possible.

(*d*) Yes.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Will funds be made available during this year?

*Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Subject to availability, efforts will be made to provide funds.

Repairs to the Kibbanahalli-Huliyar Road in Chiknaikanahalli Taluk.

Q.—149. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY (Chiknaikanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the heavy traffic of trucks on Kibbanahalli-Huliyar Road of Chiknaikanahalli Taluk due to manganese mining industry in that area;

(*b*) whether they are also aware of the completely worn out condition of this road due to heavy traffic;

(*c*) whether any representation has been made by the public of this taluk for immediate repairs;

(*d*) if so, the action taken by them in this behalf?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes, there is heavy traffic on this road.

(*b*) A portion of the road having metalled surface is worn out.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Repairs to the exent of availability of funds are being attended to.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—May I know whether any estimate is ready for effecting special repairs to this road?